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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) September 7-9, 2012

Friday September 7

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	1:00 pm (new time)
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	1:00 pm (new time)
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

Saturday September 8

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	

Sunday September 9

Swiss Teams (2- Session flighted play through; 42 boards)	11 am
(1/2 hour break between sessions)	
(Flights: 0-3000, 3000-8000, and over 8000)	

Need Help: Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or Malois1539@aol.com

For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936 or bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com

NOTE: For stratified pair events, the strat will be based upon the average MPs for the pair. For events less than 300MPs, each player must have fewer than 300 MPs.

Event to be held at:

**The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY**

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Presidents Message

Those playing in the July sectional may have had a fleeting thought that the number of tables in play were fewer than the normal sectional. If so, you would have been correct. In fact, turnout for the July sectional was 25% below the July sectionals of both 2010 and 2011; a significant drop off in attendance.

Hopefully, this was a temporary blip in attendance loss, and several factors could have contributed. First, due to the scheduling of the Nationals in Philadelphia, Vermont had rescheduled their sectional, originally later in July, to the same weekend as ours. This hurt attendance at both venues. Second, our Newsletter arrived in mailboxes one or two days late. Our theme for the July Newsletter was to report results of the Saratoga regional, and we knew we had a tight turn-around in order to obtain the results, publish the Newsletter, and have it in your mailboxes before the sectional. Unfortunately, a delay at the publisher blew the timing. Finally, the ACBL misunderstood our instructions to link their website with our schedule, and no link ever developed. Add in vacations, hot

weather, you name it; a perfect storm of bad luck.

Bad luck or otherwise, there are still things the Board can do to affect things in our control. First, the Board decided to authorize issuance of the Newsletter in electronic format to members for whom we have e-mail addresses. This should begin in the near future. You will still receive the Newsletter in hard copy, but we hope most members agree to receive the Newsletter only electronically. Members can also opt out of receiving newsletters via e-mail. Remember, the Newsletter is available early on line at www.cdbanet.org.

Second, Tournament Coordinator Lois Phillips, who has done a terrific job in the past in scheduling our tournaments with few, if any, conflicts with other ACBL events, worked doubly hard in the past month to establish next year's schedule. Scheduling is not an easy task, as not only do we have to avoid conflicts with other tournaments as well as government and religious holidays, but we have to assure availability of the Studio. I am pleased to report Lois did an outstanding job of scheduling, and as of now, with the exception of one of the weekends of the Gatlinburg Regional, our 2013 tournaments are scheduled conflict-free of other ACBL events.

Nonetheless, the Board can do only so much in planning for the success of its events. We can schedule the events you want at the right times, have great hospitality, but be unsuccessful if attendance is low. We all know bridge is fun, but you can't enjoy it if you don't play.

Bob Valenti



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Directions to Hotel — *From the East:* Rte 84 to Exit 2A, Follow Old Ridgebury Rd. around curve and up hill. Hotel will be visible on left. *From the West:* Rte 84 to Exit 2. Make left and then right following signs to US 202 and US 6. Make another right onto Old Ridgebury Rd. *From the South:* Rte 684 to Exit 9E and follow Rte 84 as above.

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redouble@webtv.net
Deborah Wasik • 973-699-5902
dwasik@metrographusa.com

Pairings: Lynn Baker lynn@lynnandjerry.com

Newplicate (Red) (0-200 MPs)
One-session Pair Games Tues., Wed., Thurs.
10 am and 3 pm
Play both sessions and get a free snack, soda and a mini-lesson between sessions.

Contact
Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055
cherylmagic7nt@aol.com

Thanks to Dist. 25 (New England) for the loan of Connecticut to hold our Regional.

District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional Danbury CT — Oct. 22-28, 2012

The Crowne Plaza Danbury (new name, same location)
18 Old Ridgebury Road • Danbury CT 06810 • 203-794-0600
\$99 Single/double plus applicable taxes.

Reservation Deadline — October 8, 2012 *Bridge rate rooms may sell out before deadline.*

Room Problems — Check with Joan Gerard 914-948-0841 joanandrongerard@gmail.com

Golden Opportunity Pairs
(two-session events)
Friday and Saturday
750/500/200 MPs
10 am & 3 pm
GOLD POINTS for Overalls
and section tops in top strat

Monday, Oct. 22
Bracketed Compact KO Tms7 pm
2nd (final) session Tuesday 9 am

Side Game Series I (1st)7 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 23
Side Game Series I (2nd)9 am
Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Round Robin Tms1 & 7 pm
Top bracket played as Swiss — open to all teams.
Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) .. 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd)1 / 7 pm
One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm

Thursday, Oct. 25
Side Game Series II (3rd)9 am
Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series II (4th & 5th)1 / 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 26
Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Prs
750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) 1 & 7 pm
One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm
Side Game Series III (1st & 2nd)1 / 7 pm

Saturday, Oct. 27
Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Prs
750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500)1 & 7 pm
One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm
Side Game Series III (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 28
Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms 10:30 am
Top bracket played as Swiss — open to all teams. Short break for lunch.
Side Game Series III (5th) 10:30 am

Stratified Games: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000) All team events are stratified by average MPs
Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket of all bracketed team events

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

There were a number of developments at the ACBL Board meetings in Philadelphia which should be of interest at the unit level.

- December will be the Grass Roots Fund month. During that month All club games may be designated as Grass Roots Fund games, and no other fund/foundation games can be held. These games will have masterpoint awards which are 70% sectionally rated black. Fees are the regular club game fees plus \$4.00 per table which will be returned to each District to help subsidize GNT and NAP winners. Additional Grass Root Fund games may be held during the months which are not designated as for other programs.
- I am pleased that the Board has initiated a strategic planning process; this should sharpen our focus on future priorities. I will keep you posted on this important process.
- A new ACBL Score is being developed which will include new programs for special games, and improvements to the current system.

The Youth NABC was a great success. There were 164 participants, all of whom had a wonderful time. Our District subsidized 6 young people to go to Philadelphia. I was proud of our young people; they all did well and one of ours, the youngest person there – 8 years old – came home with two trophies.

There were 30 youth from China who had been inspired to take up the game by a Chinese father who brought his son to the Youth NABC in Washington, DC two years ago. The son had such a wonderful experience there that he went home and started a bridge club at his school. 27 of the 30 Chinese youth who played in Philadelphia were from that school.

Given my active interest in youth bridge, I was pleased that the very successful Youth NABC was followed by a very successful youth event in Parsippany organized by Betty Cox and Barbara Clark, our District Youth Coordinators. There were 27 young participants who had a blast. We have one additional Regional before year's end – Danbury, CT, October 22-28. I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing you at the national level.

Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director

Unit Noteworthy

Did you know that our unit has 2 players representing the United States in the 14th World Bridge Games in Lille France?

Lynn Deas was a member of the US Womens Team, and **Neil Chambers** was on the US Seniors team.

Congratulations to **Steve Shaye** and **Larry Rosen** for finishing 7th in the Wernher Open Pairs at the NABC in Philadelphia

Sectional Results July 6 - 8, 2012

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Stephen Paskin – Rich Underwood
2			Judy & Bill Dubay
3			Don Cohen – Albert Ross
4	1		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
5/6	2/3		Dorothy Kraus – Charles Schmidt
5/6	2/3		Yvonne Mendleson – Bibs Pankin
	4	1	Lois Tuohey – Mark Rosenholz
	5		Lee Pearson – Mary Anne Pickett
	6		John Riopelle – Marigay Harkins
		2	Liz Foster – Vince De Pasquale
		3	Larry Woolbright – John Battenfield
		4	Anne & Len Lapinski
		5	Peggy Fitzpatrick – Susan Siegel

Friday evening Duel Pro Am Teams

A	B	
1		Glen Perry, Kathleen Carr, Walter Smith, Satya Pabuwal
2/3		Carol Paskin, Stephen Paskin, James Bornheim, James Beard
2/3	1	Nancy & S Michael Sharp, Carolyn Accardi, Carol Weaver

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
3	1		Dorothy Kraus – Charles Schmidt
4			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
5			Stephen Paskin – Gerald Cohen
6	2	1	Richard Bobilin – Glen Perry
	3	2	Christine Converse – Jon Fink
	4		Judy & Richard Hill
	5		Diana Lack – Anne Lapinski
	6		Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
		3	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
		4	Margaret Winslow – Sandra Walters
		5	Kiyoko Mills – Barbara Frank
		6	Judith & Tom Ludwig

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
2			Carol & Stephen Paskin
3	1	1	Sudhir Kulkarni – Richard Hall
4	2		Janice Woodbury – Lois Phillips
5	3		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
6			Roger Woodin – Lois Tuohey
	4		Diana Lack – Mark Rosenholz
	5		William Teiper – Donald Bathrick
	6		Glen Perry – Lydia Bearden
		2	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
		3	Richard Bobilin – Delores Inzero
		4	Barbara Fallone – Vince De Pasquale

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Neil Chambers, Donna Chambers, Larry Rosen, Steven Shaye
2	1	1	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell, Joanne Schlang, Rich Underwood
3			Lynn Deas, Rich Kasprowicz, Sandy & Bill Nelson
4	2		Anne & Leonard Lapinski, Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander
5/6	3		Terry Bentley, Rosemary Isele, Ellen Jabbur, Lois Tuohey
5/6			Judy & Bill Dubay, Walter Smith, Bob Valenti
	4/5	2	Diana & Jonathan Lack, Glen Perry, Kay Lang
	4/5		Judy & Richard Hill, Jill & Arnold Factor

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of August 7, 2012)**

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Timothy Briney Kathleen Carr Betty Seeley	Kathleen Carr Julie Shapiro Betty Seeley
5-20	Catherine Brazelton Richard Zak Aggie O'Brien	Catherine Brazelton Richard Zak Aggie O'Brien
20-50	Ernest Venerus John Dillon Margaret Dillon	Ernest Venerus John Dillon Margaret Dillon
50-100	James Bornheim Barbara Wolner Anne Beard	Barbara Wolner James Bornheim John Leslie
100-200	James Beard Carolyn Accardi Kay Lang	James Beard Carolyn Accardi Jane Carusone
200-300	Glen Perry Terry Bentley Carol Weaver	Carol Weaver Terry Bentley Glen Perry
300-500	Kamal Gupta Charles Mantia Firm Weaver	Charles Mantia Firm Weaver John Loeber
500-1000	Rosemary Isele Vito Ramundo Edward Hornidge	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Edward Hornidge
1000-2500	Diane Alexander Bob Valenti Charles Schmidt	Charles Schmidt Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Bob Donald	Satya Pabuwal Martin Birnby Lucy & Gary Spongberg
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Albert Ross	Bill Dubay Albert Ross
Over 10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Wed. Aug 29 12:00 NAOP Qualifier

DISTRICT FINALS FOR NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS
FLIGHT B 0-2000 and FLIGHT C Non-life master
under 500 MP.

Saturday Sept. 29 12:30 @ The Studio
You must have qualified at a club game. You may
play with anyone else that Q'd in your flight.

This is a 2 session event. Supper will be served
between sessions. Entry fee per person \$30.00
includes supper.

Contact Norma for info or partner. 346-3773 or 372-
4216.

**October is Club Appreciation Month - Extra
masterpoints**

Wednesday Oct. 3 12:00 TEAM GAME

ALL TEAM AWARDS WILL PAY 5% GOLD

Tues. Oct. 9 7:00 NON-LM CA

Mon. Oct. 22 12:00 CA

The studio will be closed Sat. Sept 1 and Mon.
Sept. 3.

AVILA

International Fund games - all Saturdays
12:30pm in Sept (no game 9/8)

**THURS. evening, OCT 4th, 7pm - ACBL
Instant Matchpoint Game (gold points for
section tops)**

Oct. 6th - Club Appreciation Pairs

Oct. 13th - STAC

Oct. 20th - Club Appreciation TEAM game
(come as a pr, we'll form teams at the game)

No game October 27th and November 3rd
International Fund games all September except
Sep 8

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein
(518) 640-9553

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Timothy Briney

Betty Seeley

New Club Masters

Barbara Gaba

Shirley Levine

Phyllis Levy

Lucy Tower

New Sectional Masters

John Dillon

Liz Foster

Maria Heverly

John Singer

Erniw Venerus

New Regional Master

Barbara Wolner

New NABC Masters

William Kelsey

Martha Presheur

New Life Masters

Valdean Mosier

Gary Taylor

New Bronze Life Master

Charles Mantia

New Emerald Life Master

Judy Dubay

Personal Notices

Get well wishes to **Bill Teiper** and
Maria Heverly

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

DUMMY REVERSAL

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 8642 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ6 ♣ AKQ	
♠ AQJT53 ♥ 542 ♦ T42 ♣ 4	North West East Declarer	♠ K97 ♥ 6 ♦ 9873 ♣ J9853
	♠ ♥ AJT873 ♦ AQ5 ♣ T762	

E-W Vulnerable
 South West North East
 1♥ 2♠ 3♠ Dbl
 Rdbl Pass 4NT Pass
 5NT Pass 7♥ All Pass

N-S do well to reach 7♥. North's 3♠ said "Good hand with Heart support", South's Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said "Two Aces and a void". That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13th might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13th trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here's how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

P.S. If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

Visit www.acbl.org for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email marketing@acbl.org

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sat	Sep 29	NAP Finals
Fri – Thu	Oct 12 – 18	Unit STaC
Mon – Sun	Oct 22 – 28	Fall Regional Danbury, CT
Fri – Sun	Nov 2 – 4	Sectional Studio